

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

MAY 1, 2018

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2018 meeting as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. We are a regional Stellar finalist.
2. We are working to set a date on the code enforcement for the heavy trash.
3. Brandon Wernert has submitted his resignation with the ECDC.
4. Met with PSI on City Center.
5. We had a Stellar core meeting.
6. We met with Indot and Shippa. There may be a conflict. It occurs on Morgan Street as it turns and goes across the old Millings parking lot. They believe this may be a historic site with significant historic value. We will not be allowed to put sign postes over this area.
7. Met with the Governor and other state officials on Highway 3.
8. Had our Indot quarterly meeting.
9. Last Thursday the Board did a walk-through at the training center.
10. Friday the Mayor from Connersville visited.
11. Today we were given the Infomatics report. It was known as "Smart Rushville". The class is made up of students from all over the world.
12. We have a housing meeting coming up.
13. We have a training center walk through.
14. Saturday is the Cash Bash.
15. Next week is our 3rd safety meeting.
16. Tuesday is Election Day.
17. The 9th is the ARA annual Board meeting
18. The 12th is the Mayor's 5k.

19. We hired Tabitha Cottrell as the new animal control warden. She will start May 14. We also hired one of the 3 candidates for part-time. Her name is Kasandra Hanna. Bridges said we had a good group of applicants. Councilman Smith said we may need to look at the salary ordinance due to her experience. Pavey said she has agreed to come in at the current salary. But that is something we need to look at during budget time.
20. Pavey said he and Berkemeier have been discussing lighting. Duke shared a map showing their lines and Rush Shelby Energy's lines. Pavey said the lighting at Blue Ribbon should go in any time.
21. Documentation has been sent to the school attorney regarding the Council of Clubs.
22. The Board of Works approved the bid for the Police Department roof. It does sit in the corridor overlay and we will need to get approval from Carmen's board for the color.
23. Received a letter of thanks from Becky Stone regarding the previous discussion on the flooding. This went before the drainage board Monday and word was received that the drainage board is sponsoring a workshop May 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's room.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Nothing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – We are working through the Overlook change. The option to purchase the Taff building was discussed with the Board of Works.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – There will be a meeting tomorrow.
- **New Housing Addition** - Council President Smith said we need to make sure with the new housing that we look at our ordinance and the type of architectural homes going into the addition. He said he would think there would be a home owners association. The type of home would need to comply with standards of the HOA to protect the home owners. Pavey said he would discuss the matter with Russell Brown. He said he believes the developer acts as the HOA until one is set up.
- **Marketing** – None.
- **APC/BZA** – None.
- **City Center** – None.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – Pavey said we are close to the end of the right-of-way period. 3 have signed off on the right-of-way, 2 have not.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing

- **ECDC** – McCane said there have been some conversations regarding Healthy Roots' tax abatement. Some items need to be clarified with the County.
- **Housing** – Pavey said he met with Russell Brown today. Things are moving forward as anticipated. We anticipate a closing around June 1st. An RFP for housing styles was sent out. It was broken out into different styles. One proposal was received with different styles in line.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Street – Commissioner Miller said in 2015 we mowed 67 properties; 31 properties were mowed in 2016; and 28 were mowed in 2017.

Miller informed Council that the Board of Works hired 2 seasonal employees.

Miller presented 3 quotes for the purchase of a skid loader. He said the old skid loader would be given to the park department. Miller said he would like to stay with the Gehl for \$38,000.00. He said that is what they currently have and it has been a good piece of equipment. It has a 1 year warranty. He said he has money in the budget to make a payment this year and would finance the remainder to be paid next year. Bridges moved to approve the purchase of the Gehl skid loader from Fraley Implement for \$38,000.00. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Police – Chief Tucker said registrations and sponsorships for the Mayor's 5k are still being accepted. It is scheduled for May 12th.

Police week is May 13-19. There will be several activities during this week. Councilman Smith asked how the progress of the firing range was going. Tucker said things are moving along. They are currently waiting on materials to be delivered.

Park – Park Director Burklow said they are still receiving dirt at the Carol Jenkins Davis Park. Water and electric have been installed at the dog park. The fountain will be put in next week. The key fob system should be in within 2 weeks.

They have been draining the pool. The pool will open June 4.

The park bathrooms are open.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

Trane CF1 – Amy Kissell was present representing Trane. She asked for approval of 4 CF1s. Kissell said 3 of the abatements will retire soon. Bridges made a motion to approve the CF1s for Trane. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Annexation** (Reddish, Massa, Philpot) – Still working on the paperwork.
2. **911 County Board** – Pavey asked if Council was ready to choose a representative. Conner said he would accept the position. Berkemeier made a motion to appoint Conner as Council's representative. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Bee Hives in City Limits** – Information was sent to Council for review. Councilman Smith said he talked to Purdue University and gained a lot of information. He said honey bees are relatively docile. He said he has no problem setting something up for people to get a variance for hives on their property. He said classes are offered at Purdue. Smith suggested that an ordinance be passed that bee hives would have to be approved by a variance. Conner said he was concerned that the resident may move and leave the hives. Smith said he would suggest that you would have to be a property owner to have the bee hives on the property. He would not suggest permission be given for rentals. The bee keeper would also have to receive training. Conner said we do not have the staff to make sure people are in compliance. Conner and Berkemeier said they were not in favor of moving forward.

Bridges made a motion to table. Cameron seconded the motion. The vote was 2 in favor and 3 against. Conner, Smith, and Berkemeier voted "nay".

Berkemeier made a motion to put the matter to bed. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Smith voting "nay".

4. **Drainage/Flooding Recent Event** – Mayor Pavey said Cameron has been looking at the area to see what we can do. The street department has been clearing the area that was bottlenecked. Pavey said he received a notice from the County Drainage Board for a workshop 22nd. Bridges said there was a fund created and asked if the money could be used to repair or clear out this area. Pavey said he will check.
5. **Stellar Overlook New Concept** – Pavey reported that they are working on property negotiations for the new concept. He will notify Shanahan to redefine the bans.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2018-11 Sale of 312-314 W 5th** – Cameron moved to approve Resolution 2018-11. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Lease of 60 Acres** – Cameron moved to proceed with a lease on the acreage. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Specs-Park Restaurant Removal** – Pavey asked if Council wanted him to proceed with the building being removed. Conner made a motion to proceed. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Conner moved to approve the claims as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Lisa Carpenter, from CGS, introduced our new representative, Chris Ross.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Cameron moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.